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## FACT SHEET

### **SANDERS CALLS POLICE UNION AD “MISLEADING” SAN DIEGO ONE OF THE SAFEST BIG CITIES IN AMERICA**

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- **The police union’s ad is unnecessarily misleading.**
- **The ad claims that there are only 60 or so officers on duty city-wide during the night shift. An analysis of sworn officers in the field (October 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006) done by the San Diego Police Department shows that there are plenty more on duty during all three shifts (see analysis attached). The reality is that on most nights the number is more than double, approximately 130 sworn officers.**
- **A union’s job is to increase the pay and benefits of its members and to increase its own overall membership. At this point in time, the City of San Diego is not in a financial position to enhance the pay or benefits of its employees. It’s a shame that the union has decided to mislead citizens by confusing pay issues with public safety issues.**
- **As of April 4, there are 1,947 sworn police officers in the City of San Diego.**
- **The actual number of police officers on the street, at any one time, varies from day to day, shift to shift depending on a number of different factors to include time of year and activity level. The number cited by the union also did not include sergeants, lieutenants, captains or critical civilian personnel which number in the hundreds.**
- **Current police officer staffing levels are sufficient to keep the public safe. In fact, San Diego continues to be one of the safest big cities in America. San Diegans were **half as likely** to be victims of crime in 2005 than they were in 1992.**
- **For more years than anyone can remember, the City has been protected by one of the smallest police forces in the nation: roughly 1.6 police officers for every 1,000 citizens in our community.**

- **Police recruitment problems are not limited to the City of San Diego.** Recruitment issues are also being faced by other local and state law enforcement agencies. In fact, the Mayor spoke about the national significance of the issue during his recent meetings with the Homeland Security Council at the White House.
- Salary and benefits is only one of the issues affecting recruitment; proximity to one's home and advancement opportunities are examples of other reasons.
- The Mayor believes that recruitment issues are also largely cyclical and that officers will eventually return to the SDPD because of the department's many career opportunities – opportunities not offered by other departments.
- The SDPD is losing officers to other agencies for a variety of reasons. Most are going to Riverside where housing is more affordable. Others have chosen to leave for other reasons.

Summary of officers lost to other agencies:

Riverside County Agencies	20
Other San Diego County Departments	15
County DA's Office	7
Other State Departments/Agencies	4
Out of State	2
Federal Agencies	4

- Our salary levels for police are not out of line for the region.

CLASSIFICATION	SAN DIEGO PD	CHULA VISTA	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF	SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF
<b>PO1/PO2</b>	\$43,595-67,204	\$56,984-70,488	\$44,328-64,020	\$45,503-68,361
<b>Sergeant</b>	\$77,916-81,619	73,463-89,294	\$62,595	\$73,500-77,167

- The SDPD is also adding new officers. The department anticipates adding 47 recruits by July 2006.

# Average Field Staffing

## From October 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006

### 1st Watch

Command	Minimum	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Central	14	14	14	16	17	18	18	17
Eastern	9	10	12	17	18	13	12	11
Mid-City	16	18	18	21	16	16	22	22
Northeastern	10	10	10	11	11	10	10	9
Northern	16	19	17	20	16	17	17	22
Southeastern	10	12	11	11	11	11	14	14
Southern	9	10	11	16	11	11	10	15
Western	15	17	16	21	17	16	18	19
Patrol Total	99	111	109	133	117	112	122	129
Over/Under		12	10	34	18	13	23	30
Sergeants (Citywide aver.)	0	19	19	23	25	25	26	21
JST (Citywide)	0	0	0	20	41	39	41	21
Traffic (Ops)	0	4	4	7	3	3	3	4
Traffic (Motors)	0	0	0	25	45	45	45	19
GST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canine	0	6	6	7	7	7	13	6
Total Available personnel		140	138	215	238	231	250	200

### 2nd Watch

Command	Minimum	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Central	17	28	23	22	17	22	22	30
Eastern	11	11	11	13	14	13	16	15
Mid-City	20	26	22	22	28	25	31	30
Northeastern	10	14	11	14	13	15	13	14
Northern	17	18	21	21	22	21	19	21
Southeastern	13	19	14	14	14	21	23	24
Southern	10	12	12	17	11	12	12	17
Western	18	23	22	20	24	25	22	30
Patrol Total	116	152	135	142	143	156	157	181
Over/Under		36	19	26	27	40	41	65
Sergeants (Citywide aver.)		21	20	21	24	24	25	24
Traffic (Ops)	0	6	5	5	11	6	6	6
Traffic (Motors)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GST	0	15	5	14	21	24	23	16
Canine	0	6	6	6	9	9	15	9
Total Available personnel		200	171	188	208	219	226	236

### 3rd Watch

Command	Minimum	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Central	10	12	12	14	16	13	15	15
Eastern	6	9	8	9	9	9	10	10
Mid-City	12	14	18	16	14	14	16	17
Northeastern	6	9	9	11	9	10	10	11
Northern	11	12	13	12	12	12	15	15
Southeastern	6	12	12	11	11	11	15	13
Southern	6	14	9	9	12	10	10	14
Western	10	18	15	17	16	19	19	22
Patrol Total	67	99	97	100	99	98	109	117
Over/Under		32	30	33	32	31	42	50
Sergeants (Citywide aver.)		20	20	19	19	19	21	20
Traffic (Ops)	0	10	10	6	5	5	10	14
Traffic (Motors)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canine	0	6	6	7	7	7	13	6
Total Available personnel		135	133	132	130	129	153	157